

Introduction

Creator's note: This is a document that is constantly being updated, which aims to archive reads and videos to introduce people to Marxism–Leninism; to radicalise and help better their understanding of its science. In a world rife with capitalist instability, decay, disparity and warring, the need for a new system becomes more robust than ever. Marxism is the only tried-and-true revolutionary doctrine that contains the kernel of theory and practice capable of supplanting the system that oppresses billions today. If one needs to immerse themselves in more progressive ideas first, by dispelling any reactionary and anti-communist ideas that have been cumulatively instilled in them overtime as a result of the propaganda war against communism before they can get a comfortable headstart into becoming an actual communist, they must look no further than the following:

- [Anti-communist myths debunked MasterDoc](#)
- [Trans Rights Factsheet](#)
- [List of US atrocities](#)

Other reading lists:

- [S21C reading list](#)

Marxist Terminology

Glossary of Marxist key terminology (creator's note: not my own)	
Term	Definition
Class	A group of people sharing common relations to labour and the means of production. <i>further reading...</i>
Means of Production	The tools (instruments) and the raw material (subject) you use to create something are the means of production.
Proletariat	The working class; the class of people in capitalist society who, deprived of any ownership of the means of production, must sell their labour power to the capitalists in order to survive. An exploited class; the producers of surplus value. <i>further reading...</i>
Bourgeoisie	The capitalist class; the ruling class in capitalist society. The social class which owns the means of production and exploits hired labour. The buyers of labour power. This class is made up of a very small minority of the population. <i>further reading...</i>

Exploitation	Exploitation is making use of some vulnerability in another person in order to use them to attain one's own ends at their expense. Marxists specifically use the term to refer to the expropriation (theft) of the labour of a worker (via the extraction of surplus value) by the owners of the means of production. Capitalists make their profit from exploitation.
State	The state, in Marxist terminology, is a mechanism for class rule. It is the primary instrument of political power in class society, consisting of organs of administration, and of force. A state of one kind or another will exist as long as social classes exist.
Dictatorship of the Proletariat	A state of proletarian rule where the working class organises to democratically control the means of production, defend against bourgeois reaction, and create the material basis for a gradual transition to communism. "Dictatorship" in this sense does not mean rule by one individual; Marxists view any state as being under the "dictatorship" of a class. This term is the antithesis of the "Dictatorship of the Bourgeoisie" that exists under capitalism where the minority class rules society.
Socialism	An umbrella term used to describe social ownership of the means of production. Social ownership can include common ownership, state ownership or collective ownership. "Socialism" can also refer to an intermediate and transitional form of society between capitalism and communism featuring a Dictatorship of the Proletariat (sometimes referred to as "lower" or "the first phase of" communism).
Communism	A term describing a stateless, classless, moneyless society with common ownership of the means of production. "Communism" can also describe the revolutionary movement to create such a society.
Imperialism	Capitalism at its highest, advanced stage. The epoch of imperialism opens when the expansion of colonialism has covered the globe and no new colonies can be acquired by the great powers except by taking them from each other, and the concentration of capital has grown to a point where finance capital becomes dominant over industrial capital.
Dialectics	Dialectics is the method of reasoning which aims to understand things concretely in all their movement, change and interconnection, with their opposite and contradictory sides in unity. <i>further reading...</i>
Materialism	The philosophy that ideas are shaped and driven by material needs and circumstances.

Opportunism	Changing one's political position in order to exploit certain circumstances for personal gain.
Revisionism	A fundamental alteration of a theory, essentially usurping (though taking elements of) the former theory and replacing it with a new one. While the attributes of a theory are subject to change in accordance to changing historic circumstances, changing the fundamental basis of that theory is to nullify it in place of a new one.
Dogmatism (a tendency among those labelled "ultra-leftists")	Dogmatism denies the relativity of knowledge and the connection of knowledge to historically changing practice and social relations. Dogmatism couples these denials with the practice of treating knowledge as something abstract, not to be touched by additional input or real world experience. Dogmatism is thinking which minimises the validity of doubt, asserting the possibility of certain and unalterable knowledge of the world.

Introductory Videos

Introductory Videos		
(Not necessarily in order. You are probably more at liberty in deciding what to watch than with the reading list)		
(creator's note: Some people may find reading essays entirely new in character to them to be a bit daunting. If that is the case, I suggest watching these videos first to allow themselves to ease their mind up to Marxism—it's also why I have put these above the reading table in this document. Otherwise, there's absolutely no issue in jumping straight to reading first.)		
(creator's note: I do not necessarily endorse the individuals who make these videos. It is rather the ideas that they present in said videos that I find value in sharing)		
Work	Creator(s) (note: creator(s) do NOT necessarily refer to the uploader of the videos)	Synopsis
Richard Wolff: How Capitalism Exploits You	The Gravel Institute	A video explaining how at the very heart of capitalism is exploitation.
Capitalism is Great!	Hakim	A video running through the failures and crises of capitalism around the globe.
How Capitalism Causes Depression	azureScapegoat	A video exploring the detrimental effects of capitalism on mental health.

Capitalism and Mental Health: How the Market Makes Us Sick	Libertarian Socialist Rants	(In similar nature to the video above)
Capitalist Alienation in our Modern Day	Jason Unruhe	A video explaining how capitalism alienates people from society and how it manifests in our contemporary society.
Why "universal" healthcare is not enough	Viki 1999	A video arguing that the "universal healthcare" that so many welfare capitalists push for isn't the solution to the crises of the system.
The Death Toll of Capitalism	Hakim	People tend to love shutting down any mention of socialism and communism by bringing up death counts. Let us put aside any mention of propagandised falsification regarding these things. Just <i>how</i> many has capitalism killed?
British Capitalism Killed 1.8 Billion People in India	Jason Unruhe	(In similar nature to the video above) On the note of ridiculous body counts, British capitalism killed 1.8 billion people in India alone!
"CoMmUnIsM KiLIEd 1o0 MilLiOn PeOpLe!1!!"	The Young Hegelian	On the question of the communist death toll.
Your Democracy is a Sham and Here's Why:	halim alrah	A video explaining why so-called democracy under capitalist systems is nothing more than an illusion.
Economic Decision Making: Can we Vote with our Wallets?	Tovarishch Endymion	Debunking the notion that the free market system can be controlled through people "voting with their wallets".
Disease and the Hypocrisy of Capitalism	Hakim	A video connecting the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic with the parasitic nature of capitalism.
Economic Crisis 2020: Capitalism Stops Working	Politsturm International	In relation to the crisis that broke out in 2020, here the unstable nature of capitalism is explained.
Richard D. Wolff Explains How Capitalism is Theft	Richard D. Wolff	In very basic terms, here it is explained how capitalism steals an employee's fruit of labour.

Marxism 101: How Capitalism is Killing itself with Dr. Richard Wolff	Empire Files	A video explaining the inner functions of capitalism and its crises.
Class Exploitation under Political Equality: A Marxist Critique of Liberal Democracy	The Red Serpent	This video essay demonstrates how exploitation continues under capitalism no matter the sociopolitical status people enjoy.
Does Capitalism Reward Hard Work?	Tovarishch Endymion	Debunking the notion that capitalism “rewards hard work”.
Capitalism vs Innovation	Tovarishch Endymion	Debunking the liberal notion that capitalism in and of itself is a major drive behind innovation.
The Collective and the Individual	Tovarishch Endymion	A video discussing the individual vs. collective distinction that is so often brought up on the topic of “liberty”.
How Capitalism sells poverty as modesty & why equality isn't a practical goal	YUGOPNIK	Debunking the claim that Marxism is an “egalitarian ideology” that wants the impractical goal for everyone to be “living equally”, as well shedding light to the fact that capitalism purports those who are in a position of low income as those who are “morally upright” people.
Does Capitalism Actually Reduce Poverty? (with Richard Wolff)	The Gravel Institute	Debunking the notion that capitalism is the drive behind poverty reduction.
The Marxist Lens: Is Overpopulation a Myth?	The Marxist Project	Debunking the myth of “overpopulation”.
Why Free Trade Agreements Aren't Free	The Marxist Project	Deals with the question of FTAs and protectionism.
A Look Inside the Freest Markets in the World	Tovarishch Endymion	“The freer the market, the freer the people.” say many apologists of capitalism. This video will run through how reality demonstrates that it is much rather the contrary.
How Capitalists Think about Capitalism is Wrong	Tovarishch Endymion	The manner in which apologists of capitalism present the “prosperity” of the system is entirely false.
Adam Smith: the anti-capitalist	Jason Unruhe	Adam Smith, commonly known as the “Father of Economics”, is

		portrayed as the progenitor to capitalism and its so-called liberties. Evidence shows the contrary.
'Humans Are Not Equal': The Dishonest History of Race	Hakim	A video debunking the construct of race, linking socioeconomic disparities to the history of class struggle.
The Middle Class doesn't exist How a fabricated myth divided the working class.	YUGOPNIK	A video debunking liberal conceptions of class and how they only exist to divide the proletariat.
Fascism's Ties to Capitalism: Dr. Michael Parenti interviewed by Dave Emory (1993)	Our Hidden History	This interview explores the relation of fascism with capitalism.
Nazism is Capitalism, NOT Socialism: The Role of Private Property in the Nazi Economy	The Red Serpent	A video explaining the role of the capitalist mode of production in Nazi Germany, as well as how it wasn't in any way, shape or form, socialist.
Was Hitler a Socialist? - A Response to Steven Crowder and Others	Three Arrows	(Same premise as the video above)
Capitalist Mythology: "Free Markets", The State, and Primitive Accumulation	The Marxist Project	A video explaining the relationship between the market and the state within the capitalist mode of production.
How Rich Countries Rob The Poor; The Failure of Social Democracy	Hakim	A video explaining how "Social Democratic" (welfare capitalist) countries are only capable of sustaining themselves through imperialism, and how a welfare capitalist model isn't the alternative socialists seek to the system.
Social-Democracy Can't Fix Capitalism	TheFinnishBolshevik	A video on how the "Nordic model" (welfare capitalism systems) don't fix the problems of capitalism.
The Falling Rate of Profit Explained: Why Capitalism will Fail	Tovarishch Endymion	Explaining one of the biggest crises within the capitalist system, and why it is bound to collapse.
The Myth of Free Speech	Tovarishch Endymion	In our day and age, freedom of speech is a huge talking point, but "absolute" freedom of speech is

		nothing more than a meaningless virtue.
Capitalism and Propaganda in the Information Age	Tovarishch Endymion	Explains how data and information is handled and spread in the epoch of capitalism.
A Future Beyond Capitalism? Socialism Explained.	Second Thought	A video briefly going through the history of capitalism and why socialism is the way forward.
Manufacturing Consent: How the News Media Distorts Reality // Noam Chomsky & Michael Parenti Summary	halim alrah	This video discusses the role of the capitalist hegemony in distorting narratives in the media to effectively brainwash people.
Anti-Communist Propaganda and Psychological Warfare	TheFinnishBolshevik	A video exploring the depressing reality of the immense propaganda war on communism.
What is Socialism/Communism?	Tovarishch Endymion	A video explaining what socialism and communism are in Marxist terms.
What is Marxism?	Politsturm International	A short video running through the essence of Marxism.
Is Communism Utopian?	Tovarishch Endymion	An extremely short video explaining why communism is not a utopian ideal.
A Conspectus of the Marxist case against Anarchism	CluSter	A brief rundown of the general line that Marxists hold against anarchism—why the doctrines are in conflict with each other despite both being revolutionary and anti-capitalist.
Authoritarianism in Socialist Countries - Michael Parenti	Michael Parenti	A speech explaining why socialist countries have taken so-called “authoritarian” measures.
Capitalism and Human Nature	Benji	The apologists of capitalism will often tell you that communism can never truly function because of the volatility of “human nature”. What they fail to realise with their thoughtless and meaningless blanket statements is that human nature is almost entirely conditional and contingent upon the system one is under; it is the

		ensemble of social relations.
Top 10 Communist Myths Debunked	SovietU	Running through some very general arguments against communism and refuting them.
Five Myths about Communism Five Myths of Communism	Politsturm International	(Two videos) An exposition on how communism isn't what capitalist propaganda makes it out to be.
Debunking Every Anti-Communist Argument Ever	Spooky Scary Socialist	A video refuting the day-to-day generic arguments made against communism. (note: The matter is treated with levity in this video, and that might be a <i>major</i> turn-off for audiences. However, I have still left the video up here regardless as, despite its light-hearted nature, it makes good points.)
"X Socialist Country Has Failed!" Is A Stupid Argument	Hakim	A video tackling the common argument of certain socialist countries "failing" to further their anti-communist agenda.
Socialism HAS worked	Tovarishch Endymion	A video running through why socialism has worked and will work, contrary to popular liberal belief.
"If Socialism Is So Good, Why Do People Flee It?"	The Young Hegelian	A video tackling the talking point of people fleeing socialist countries.
The Socialist Case against Billionaires	halim alrah	There are several proposals made out there in order to "constrict" billionaires. However, these sorts of arguments ignore that the accumulation of wealth is an intrinsic feature of the capitalist system. This video demonstrates what the socialist outlook on billionaires should truly be.
Socialism vs Capitalism: Why the Values of Society Assume Socialism	Tovarishch Endymion	A video running through why socialism is more capable of satisfying our values more than capitalism ever is.
Marxism 101: Explaining Marxism to Beginners	Dankey Kang	A short rundown of Marxist theory.
Marxism and class struggle: why does Marxism focus on	The Red Serpent	This video explains why class struggle is such an integral tenet to

class struggle in social change? (An excerpt)		Marxism.
What is Class Conflict? Karl Marx's Class Struggle Explained: Proletariat vs Bourgeoisie	halim alrah	A video summarising the doctrine of class struggle, an integral feature of the materialist conception of history.
Fundamentals of Marx	The Marxist Project	A video series running through the fundamental concepts of Marxism.
Lenin in Five Minutes	The Marxist Project	A video series running through the developments that Lenin made to Marxism.
How to Think Like a Vietnamese Communist: An Intro to Dialectical Materialism!	Luna oi!	A simple and good introduction to Marxist–Leninist doctrine: its theory and practice.
On Reactionary Nihilism vs. Revolutionary Optimism	Black Red Guard	A video on how capitalism alienates people from one another and keeps attempts to keep their morale low and how revolutionary optimism must be upheld in order to overthrow the capitalist system, as there is no other way.
The History of the Soviet Union	The Marxist Project	A video series running through the history of the USSR and debunking common misconceptions. (creator's note: On the topic of the USSR and other socialist states, I would recommend complementing these videos with the facts shared in the “anti-communist myths debunked” masterdoc hyperlinked at the beginning of this document.)
Debunking 5 Myths about the October Revolution	Benji	Due to the proletarian revolutionary character of the October Revolution, it has consequently been subject to slander in an attempt to demonise and barbarise it. Despite all the imperialist libel, it still serves as one of the most exemplary models for the liberation of all of humankind: communism.
Food Shortages and Problems in the USSR	Tovarishch Endymion	A video explaining the so-called food shortages in the USSR, how they weren't a major problem and how it was solved. It also compares food

		shortages with that of capitalist systems and shows how the latter is far more unforgiving.
The Purges and Repressions in the USSR	Tovarishch Endymion	A video running through the purges and repressions of dissidents in the USSR, something that is often attributed to Stalin. This video explores how a lot of it is portrayed hyperbolically in the media, as well as how Stalin himself wasn't solely to blame for the excesses.
The USSR: Democratic or Totalitarian?	Tovarishch Endymion	There is a tendency among many to use the simple libertarian/authoritarian dichotomy to describe the nature of countries. Evidence is presented to show that Stalin was not a "dictator" and the USSR was instead a dictatorship of the proletariat and peasantry.
Did the Soviet Peasants Resist Collectivisation?: Debunking a Common Anti-Communist Myth	The Red Serpent	Using substantiated evidence, the myth of the Soviet Peasants resisting collectivisation is debunked.
Top 5 Myths About The Soviet Union	Politsturm International	Refuting common myths about the USSR.
Five Myths about Stalin	Politsturm International	Refuting common myths about Joseph Stalin.
The Nature of the Soviet Union: State Capitalism?	Tovarishch Endymion	Debunking the claim that the USSR wasn't "real socialism".
Why did the USSR Fall? TIMESTAMPED	Hakim	An analysis of the USSR's collapse, explaining how and why it happened.
Actually Existing Anarchism Pt. 1 (Makhnovist Ukraine) Actually Existing Anarchism Pt. 2 (CNT-FAI Catalonia)	TheFinnishBolshevik	A two-part series going through previous major anarchist projects: how they were forced to adopt the very "authoritarian" measures that they opposed on principle and why they were doomed to fail.
Former Socialism's Faults	Hakim	This video discusses the errors of past socialist projects, as well as how we should learn from their experiences.

Introductory Reads

Introductory Reads (in my personal order. I have laid it out beginning with smaller and more accessible reads. If one finds a read daunting, however, they can simply move on to the next one and come back to it later.)		
Work	Author(s)	Synopsis
Capitalism is a virus	Jeff Sparrow	With regards to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises like climate change, this article runs through how capitalism is effectively devastating our planet.
Under Capitalism, There's No Such Thing as a "Fair Day's Wage for a Fair Day's Work"	Hadas Thier	A short article basically explaining how capitalism is an exploitative system that steals from the worker.
Capitalism and Mental Health	David Matthews	Explores the alienating effect that capitalism has on people, and its subsequent deteriorating symptoms on their wellbeing and overall capacity.
Myths About Socialism: Redistribution of Wealth?	Paul Knaggs	Debunking the claim that socialism is merely a system where "wealth is redistributed".
Why Socialism?	Albert Einstein	This short article explores the necessity and superiority of the socialist system.
Capitalism Has Failed—What Next?	John Bellamy Foster	Discussing the crises of neoliberalism and capitalism, this article gives an insight into how we are to move forward.
Left-anticommunism: The Unkindest Cut	Michael Parenti	An excerpt from the wonderful book, <i>Blackshirts and Reds</i> , this essay discusses how decades of propaganda in the West has bred a massive anti-communist current within the left itself.
The Weapon of Theory	Amilcar Cabral	An essay arguing that the basic principles and method of Marxism holds regardless of particular flaws in a Marxist philosophical system, and for the universality of Marxism.

Addressing Progressive Criticisms of Marxism-Leninism	Line Struggle Collective	This essay addresses many of the general critiques made towards Marxist–Leninists by the broader left.
Philosophy and Class Struggle	Dialego	A pamphlet explaining the general philosophy of Marxism, especially dialectics and its theory of knowledge.
Is there a Marxian ethic?	Bertell Ollman	Tackles the question of a system of ethics existing within Marxism or not.
Fascism, Fascisation, Antifascism	Ugo Palheta	A very thorough rundown of the characteristics of fascism and how it must be combatted.
Theses on Feuerbach	Karl Marx	A short series of notes by Marx critiquing the materialism of Ludwig Feuerbach.
(Abstract) Preface to A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy	Karl Marx	An excerpt of the preface to one of Marx's major works, it contains a very crucial explanation of the key tenet in Marxism: the materialist conception of history.
The Principles of Communism	Friedrich Engels	This brief work by Engels essentially serves as a Q&A for what communism is and how it is to be achieved.
A Conspectus of Marx's Theories of Value and Capitalist Crisis	Murray Smith	A summary of Marxian concepts.
The Three Sources and Three Component Parts of Marxism	V.I. Lenin	This short article summarises the major characteristics of Marxism and its importance.
Karl Marx: A Brief Biographical Sketch With an Exposition of Marxism	V.I. Lenin	Contains a short biography of Marx and explains, in detail, the key components of Marxism.
Wage-Labour and Capital	Karl Marx	An essay dealing with capitalist dynamics and its exploitative nature, thus its instability.
Value, Price and Profit	Karl Marx	A series of lectures and an exposition on the labour theory of

		value, and its relation to wages and profits.
(Abstract) Engels to J. Bloch In Königsberg	Friedrich Engels	Here Engels essentially corrects those who reduce Marxism to simply an economic struggle.
On Authority	Friedrich Engels	A short essay by Engels arguing against those who get hyper-fixated on the question of “authority”.
On Contradiction	Mao Zedong	This essay is a rundown of dialectical materialism, exploring its very crucial characteristics.
On Practice	Mao Zedong	Deals with the importance of practice, a central aspect of Marxism, and its connection with theory.
Oppose Book Worship	Mao Zedong	This essay emphasises the importance of Marxism as a science, rather than a strict series of dogmas. Additionally, it also explains how one should act as a principled Marxist.
Combat Liberalism	Mao Zedong	An essay discussing party attitudes and discipline that one must hold as a principled Marxist.
On Revolutionary Morality	Ho Chi Minh	Here the unfolding of history through revolutionary struggle is discussed, and how pertinent it is to the epoch of capitalism. Also explored is how one is to dedicate themselves to revolutionary activity.
Quotations from Mao Zedong	Mao Zedong	A book compiling quotations from Mao Zedong from a variety of his works. Contains many profound teachings.
Anarchism or Socialism?	Joseph Stalin	Compares and contrasts anarchist doctrine with Marxism, demonstrating how the latter is more practical.
Reform or Revolution	Rosa Luxemburg	Explains how a socialist society cannot be achieved through social reform, and that proletarian class consciousness and revolution is the

		only way to go about it.
The State and Revolution	V.I. Lenin	An absolutely crucial read that explores the importance of the proletarian revolution, the proletarian state and its goals in advancing towards communism.
Marx's Capital	Ben Fine and Alfredo Saad-Filho	A summary of all three volumes of Marx's magnum opus, <i>Das Kapital</i> , with reference to contemporary society.
Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism	V.I. Lenin	An excellent read going into detail about how capitalism in its final stage transforms into imperialist colonialism in order to sustain itself.
Foundations of Leninism	Joseph Stalin	The crystallising work of Marxism–Leninism. The tasks and struggle of the proletariat in the eve of imperialism is expounded upon.
A Brief Guide to the Ideological Differences Between Marxism-Leninism and Trotskyism	Tony Clark	A short essay explaining the anti-Leninist tendencies of Trotskyism.
The Makhno Movement and Bolshevism	Alp Altinörs	An article running through the defects of the Makhnovist anarchist movement and its relation to the Bolsheviks.

Infographics

(creator's note: not my own)

“Nazi Germany was socialist!”





The origins of the english word **"privatization"** lie in **Nazi germany.**



Nazis restored to private capitalism a number of monopolies held or controlled by the state. This policy implied a large-scale program by which the government transferred ownership to private hands. The practical significance of the transference of government enterprises into private hands was thus that the capitalist class continued to serve as a vessel for the accumulation of income. Profit-making and the return of property to private hands, moreover, have assisted the consolidation of Nazi party power.

<http://www.ub.edu/grasp/JEP.pdf>

The word **"privatization"** originates from the **german word "reprivatisierung"** which was used to describe the economic policy of the **Nazi Party** in Germany in the 1930s.

This graph tracks the stock market performance in Britain, U.S, France, and Germany from January 1930 to November 1933. As you can see, in the early months that Hitler came to power, Germany's stock market performance was quite strong, outstripping all the others. It's not until July it even crosses path with Britain's, the second best performer.

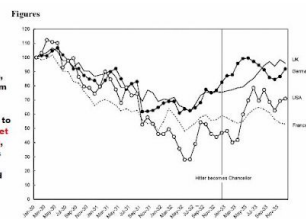


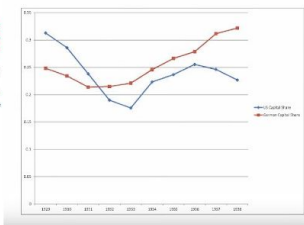
Figure 1: Stock market indices, January 1930-December 1933, UK, Germany, USA, and France. (Thomas Ferguson and Hans-Joachim Voith, "Betting on Hitler: The Value of Political Connections in Nazi Germany") <http://coreyrobins.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/voth-43.pdf>

This graph also shows that the rate of the return of capital increased significantly in Germany under Hitler.



Figure 6: Rate of return on capital in German industry, 1925-1941. (Adam Tooze, The Wages of Destruction: The Making and Breaking of the Nazi Economy)

This graph compares the share of national income that went to capital in the U.S and Germany between 1929 and 1938. It roughly tracks capital's rate of return. What does it say? Capital was doing better under the Nazis than under FDR in the United States.



(Thomas Piketty, Capital in the Twenty-First Century)

"Nazism* is a form of socialism"

BULLSHIT.

*assumed meaning of "Nazism" is Hitlerism; Strasserism (very moderately socialist) and left strands of folkism (an originally Zionist ideology related to Moses Hess) exist but were disregarded and suppressed by Hitlerists

"what about Italian fascism?"

This implies that Mussolini's increased spending (followed by the effects of the 1927 Labour Charter) is a form of socialism. In loose terms, socialism implies widespread social ownership and management of the industry of a society.

ADOLF HITLER'S "SOCIALIST" POLICIES

- PRIVATIZED BANKS, SHIPYARDS, RAILWAY LINES, SHIPPING LINES, WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, AND MORE
- PROMOTED MONOPOLIES AT THE EXPENSE OF SMALL BUSINESSES
- OUTLAWED SOCIALIST LABOR UNIONS
- BANNED THE KDP (COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY)
- PROMOTED THE EXPANSION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY
- ABOLISHED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
- OUTLAWED STRIKES
- DECRIED "JUDEO-BOLSHEVISM"



SOURCE: Parenti, Michael. *Blackshirts and Reds: Rational Fascism and the Overthrow of Communism*, San Francisco, City Lights Books, 1997

Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism

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IMPERIALISM

THE HIGHEST STAGE OF CAPITALISM



THE FIRST STEP IN FORMING THE
IMPERIALIST STAGE OF CAPITALISM IS

MONOPOLY

MONOPOLY IS UNAVOIDABLE UNDER
CAPITALISM; A FREE MARKET WILL
ALWAYS RESULT IN MONOPOLY



THIS IS BECAUSE WITHIN MARKETS,
THERE ARE A SERIES OF INTERNAL
CONTRADICTIONS THAT INEVITABLY
CREATE ECONOMIC CRISES

WHEN THESE CRISES HIT, ONLY THE
LARGEST ENTERPRISES SURVIVE
WHILST THOUSANDS OF SMALL
BUSINESSES GO UNDER



THIS MEANS THE REMAINING LARGEST ENTERPRISES
SUBSUME MORE OF THE MARKET, LEADING TO

CAPITAL CONCENTRATION

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IN PARTICULARLY SEVERE CRISES THAT EVEN THE LARGEST CAN'T SURVIVE,
THAT'S WHEN WE SEE THE PART PLAYED BY AN IMPORTANT ACTOR:

THE BANKS

THE LARGEST ENTERPRISES ARE OFFERED A LINE OF CREDIT, WITH ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS TO THE BANKS. THESE TERMS CAN INCLUDE:

- MAJOR SHARE OWNERSHIP
- BANK EXECS ON THE ENTERPRISE BOARD
- DETAILS OF THEIR BOOKS, CAPITAL AND HOLDINGS
- THREATS OF WITHDRAWING CREDIT IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET



USING THE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES THEY HAVE ENTHRALLED WITH LOANS, THEY THEN USE THEM AS A VESSEL TO SUBSUME MORE AND MORE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES UNDER THEIR UMBRELLA

THROUGH THIS WAY, YOU CAN COME TO FIND THAT HUNDREDS OF SEEMINGLY INDEPENDENT INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES ARE OWNED BY ONE BANK

IF ONE BANK CANNOT SECURE TOTAL MONOPOLY, THEY WILL SECURE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS TO CARVE UP MARKETS INTO SPHERES OF DOMINATION, IN WHAT BECOMES AN

OLIGOPOLY

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HOWEVER, THE NATURE
OF CAPITALISM IS THAT
FOR PROFITS TO GROW,
PART OF
SURPLUS-VALUE
CREATED THROUGH
WAGE LABOUR MUST BE
REINVESTED IN NEW
AND EXPANDED FORMS
OF CAPITAL

THIS MEANS NEW AND MORE
INTENSIVE OR EXPANDED MEANS
OF PRODUCTION (E.G. MORE
FACTORIES, MORE INTENSIVE
PRODUCTION PROCESSES, MORE
ASSEMBLY LINES, ETC...)



HOWEVER, THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH REPRODUCTION OF THIS PROCESS THAT CAN OCCUR. THERE
IS ONLY SO MUCH CAPACITY FOR PROFIT AVAILABLE WITHIN A SINGLE NATIONAL MARKET;

THIS IS WHERE CALLS FOR EXPANSION COME

THROUGH **THE EXPORT OF CAPITAL**
ABROAD TO **POST-COLONIAL NATIONS**
(THEN COLONIES), CAPITALISM ENTERS
ITS INEVITABLE HIGHEST PHASE:



IMPERIALISM

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THROUGH THE EXPORT OF
FINANCE CAPITAL, THEY
FOSTER A DEPENDENCY ON
CREDIT FROM BANKS IN
IMPERIAL NATIONS

FINANCE CAPITAL: THE FUSION OF INDUSTRIAL AND BANK CAPITAL

THE DOMINATION OF FINANCE CAPITAL IN THE
POST-COLONIAL NATIONS LEADS TO DOMINATION
BY THE BANKS OF THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND
THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THOSE NATIONS
EXPLOITED BY THE IMPERIAL CORE



THE SAME "AGREEMENTS"
MADE IN DOMESTIC
MARKETS BETWEEN
BANKS OCCUR TOO ON
THE GLOBAL STAGE;
THE LARGEST BANKS
CARVE UP BETWEEN
THEM THE WHOLE WORLD

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THE FOSTERING OF DEPENDENCY REACHES A POINT THAT WHEN THE GLOBAL SOUTH SEEKS LOANS FROM THE NORTH, THE IMPERIAL BANKS PROFIT TWOFOLD: BOTH THROUGH THE SALE OF CAPITAL GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS, AND OFF OF THE INTEREST ON THE LOAN

AND WHEN ALL THE MARKETS ARE CLAIMED, THERE IS NO UNOWNED PLOT OF LAND, NO NATURAL RESOURCE WITHOUT A DEED, NOWHERE MORE TO EXPAND...THERE BECOMES ONLY ONE WAY TO EXPAND:

REDIVISION

DIVISIONS ARE SENT TO DIVIDE AND REDIVIDE THE WORLD OVER, TO EXPAND EMPIRES AND TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES



DURING WWI, THE BANKS MADE A KILLING: THROUGH LOANS AND ARMS SALES, THE ROCKEFELLERS MADE \$3.45BN AND BERNARD BARUCH MADE \$13M IN ONE AFTERNOON FROM ARMS SALES

IN THIS WAY, THE IMPERIALISTS PROFIT FROM SPOILS OF WAR, AND THE WAR ITSELF

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**BUT IT IS NOT THE BANKERS
THEMSELVES THAT FIGHT THE
WARS; IT IS THE ENLISTED
WORKING CLASSES.**

**BUT NO ONE WOULD FIGHT FOR
THE PROFITS OF BANKERS AND
CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY; SO
THEY MUST BE PROPAGANDISED**



**THEY MUST BE TOLD NON-STOP
THAT THE WORKING CLASS OF
ANOTHER RACE, ANOTHER CREED,
ANOTHER NATIONALITY, ARE THEIR
SWORN ENEMIES WHO THREATEN
EVERYTHING ABOUT THEIR
EXISTENCE**

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THROUGH CONNECTIONS SECURED
BETWEEN THE BANKS AND
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, FINANCE
CAPITAL DOMINATES BOTH THE
PRIVATE SPHERE AND THE PUBLIC.
THERE IS CREATED A REVOLVING
DOOR BETWEEN GOVERNMENT,
THE INDUSTRIAL AND THE FINANCIAL
SECTORS



THERE CAN BE NO RETURN TO A
FANTASTICAL “FREE”
CAPITALISM WHERE SMALL
BUSINESSES FLOURISH AS
OPPOSED TO WHAT MANY
IDEALISTS CALL “CORPORATISM”
BECAUSE



GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SHAPE POLICY TO
BE FAVOURABLE TO THE IMPERIALISTS, AND
IN RETURN THEY ARE AWARDED CUSHTY,
LUCRATIVE JOBS WHEN THEY LEAVE OFFICE

CAPITALISM
INEVITABLY
CREATES
MONOPOLY AND
THEN
IMPERIALISM

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WE CAN SEE MONOPOLIES TODAY



Microsoft

OWNS 75% OF
THE SOFTWARE
MARKET



OWNS 54.2% OF
THE SOCIAL
MEDIA MARKET

amazon

49% OF E-COMMERCE
SALES GO THROUGH
AMAZON



+

P&G

90% OF US HEALTH
AND BEAUTY
PRODUCT SALES



46% OF GLOBAL
BEER PROFITS

Google

86% OF SEARCH
ENGINE MARKET

**THERE IS NO REFORM NOR LEGISLATION
THAT CAN STOP CAPITALISM REACHING
ITS IMPERIALIST STAGE. THERE CAN BE
NO RETURN TO A “PURE” CAPITALISM
THAT DOES NOT REACH THE IMPERIALIST
STAGE**

OPPOSE IMPERIALISM
SPREAD EDUCATION
SHARE THIS POST

**(THIS WAS A SUMMARY OF THE KEY POINTS OF VLADIMIR LENIN'S BOOK OF
THE SAME NAME AS THIS POST)**

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Capitalism Kills

1.6 BILLION KILLED BY CAPITALISM

United States Imperialism:

Hurricane Katrina (deliberate faulty construction) 1,836
NATO Intervention in Libya 2011 15,000
Tamils killed by US backed Sri Lankan Gov. 30,000
US Revolutionary War 35,700 (If Russia removes a Monarch its bad right?)
Spanish-American War 100,000
US Made Famine in Bangladesh 1974 100,000
NATO Intervention in Libya 100,000
Guatemala 300,000
US Bombing of Yugoslavia 20,000
Iraq (US Selling Poison Gas to Saddam) 400,000
Iraq (Desert Storm) 500,000
US Bombing Iraq Water Supply in 1991 500,000
Invasion of the Philippines 650,000
US Civil War 700,000
US Concentration Camps of Germans 1,000,000
US imposed sanctions on Iraq 1,000,000
Afghanistan (War on Terrorism) 1,200,000
US Backed Dictator General Suharto 1,200,000 (Anti-communist dictator)
Iraq (War on Terrorism) 1,300,000
1898 American War vs Philippine 3,000,000
US Intervention in the Congo 5,000,000
US Aggression on Latin America 6,000,000
Vietnam War* (including Cambodia & Laos) 10,000,000
Korean War* 10,000,000
Native American Genocide 114,000,000
African Slave Trade 150,000,000
* both wars caused by the us

Japanese Imperialism:

Japanese Occupation of East Timor 70,000
Japanese Bombing of China 71,005
Japanese Massacre of Singapore 100,000
Japanese Germ Warfare in China 200,000
Japanese Democides 5,964,000

British Imperialism:

Second Boer War 75,000
Irish Potato Famine 1,500,000
The Bengal Famine of 1943 10,000,000
British Occupation of India 20,000,000
Famine in Held British India 30,000,000

Misc. Capitalist nations:

Massacre of the Paris Commune 20,000
Dutch East Indies 25,000
Somali Child Famine Deaths 29,000
228 Massacre 30,000
French Madagascar 80,000
Indonesian Anti-Communist Purges 1965-1966 1,000,000
Philippine Insurrection 220,000
France Regime 300,000
Benito Mussolini regime 300,000
Rebelling Shia Killed by Saddam 300,000
Nanking Massacre 300,000
Spanish Civil War 400,000
Mussolini's Ethiopia 700,000
Palestinians Killed by Israel 1947-2002 626,626
Nigerian Civil War 1,000,000
Stateless Capitalist Somalia 1,000,000
Iraq-Iran War 1,000,000
Rwandan Genocide 1,000,000
Belgian Congo Colonization 10,000,000
Feudal Russia 1,066,000
First Indochina 1946-1954 1,750,000
Khmer Rouge (not communist) 2,035,000
South African Apartheid 3,500,000
Chiang Kai Shek regime (China) 7,000,000
Congo 1896-1908 8,000,000
Nazi Holocaust 12,000,000
Post-Soviet Capitalism in Russia 1,500,000
World War One 16,500,000
World War Two 60,000,000

General Disasters by Capitalism:

Hamburg Cholera Outbreak 1892 10,000
Union Carbide Bophal Disaster 15,000
Industrial Revolution Kids & Adults USA 100,000
Chetnik Collaboration & Genocide 100,000
Herrero and Namaqua Genocide 110,000
Burma-Siam Railroad Construction 116,000
Albanian Genocide 270,000
Fascist Independent State of Croatia 900,000
Armenian Genocide 1,500,000
Famine of 1932-33 (Kulak policy and weather) 7,000,000
Great Depression (America alone) 12,000,000
Children Killed by Hunger 2001-2008 9/11 235,000,000
Children Died from Hunger 2009 5,256,000
Children Died from Hunger 2010 6,000,000
Children Killed by Hunger during the 1990s 100,000,000
Capitalist Policy in India 1947 - 1990 120,000,000
Cigarette Related Deaths Worldwide (1960 - 2011) 306,000,000

1,635,271,26 KILLED

**FARMERS PRODUCE
ENOUGH FOOD TO
FEED THE WORLD 1.5x,
YET 820 MILLION
STARVE WHILE 1.3
BILLION TONS OF
FOOD WASTED
YEARLY**

**End Capitalism,
End Suffering.**

Educate yourself @ anarchy.works, combat hunger
with your local Food Not Bombs, make the first steps
against capitalism by joining the IWW, get more
information at IWW.org

Eric Holt-Giménez, Annie Shattuck, Miguel Altieri, Hans Herren & Steve Gliessman(2012): We Already Grow
Enough Food for 10 Billion People ... and Still Can't End Hunger, Journal of Sustainable Agriculture, 36:6, 595-598
State of Food Insecurity and Nutrition in the World 2018



WHY COMMUNISM?



BECAUSE CAPITALISM KILLS

Every year, **8,000,000** die from lack of clean water, **7,465,000** die of hunger, **3,000,000** die from curable disease, and **500,000** die of malaria. That's over **100,000,000** easily preventable deaths every **5 years**



BECAUSE CAPITALISM BREEDS WAR

The US has been at war for **222 out of 239** years it has existed, and dropped almost **30,000 bombs** in 2016 alone. During the Cold War, the US attempted to covertly overthrow other governments **72** times. War is necessary under capitalism in order to maintain **power** and the **military-industrial complex**



BECAUSE CAPITALISM STARVES

In 2016, **795,000,000** suffered from chronic undernourishment, and **161,000,000 children** under 5 years old had stunted growth, yet enough food is produced each year to feed 3 billion more than the population of the **entire world**



BECAUSE CAPITALISM CREATES INEQUALITY

2,700,000,000 struggle to survive on less than **2 dollars** a day and **1,300,000,000** people live in **abject poverty**, meanwhile the **8 richest people** own as much wealth as **50%** of the world when the bottom 90% only own **15%** of the global wealth

BECAUSE CAPITALISM FAILED

Sources: Poverty.com, UNwaer.org, Chop.edu, WorldHunger.org, Freakonometrics.hypotheses.org, TheGuardian.com, WashingtonPost.com

THE ANNUAL HUMAN COST of CAPITALISM



8.000.000¹ Die from lack of clean water.

7.665.000² Die of hunger.

3.000.000³ Die from curable disease.

500.000¹ Die of malaria.

in other words,

20.000.000
EASILY PREVENTABLE DEATHS ANUALLY.

These people die not because we lack the ability to solve these problems, but because it is not profitable to do so. The Black Book of Communism alleges that Communism has killed 94 million people since 1917.

**CAPITALISM KILLS MORE THAN
THAT EVERY 5 YEARS.
KNOW THE REAL ENEMY.**

1.POVERTY.COM | 2.UNWATER.ORG | 3.CHOP.EDU

18 MILLION DIE EACH YEAR

from poverty-related causes; ONE THIRD OF ALL HUMAN DEATHS.



Global agricultural production can feed more than

1.18 TIMES THE GLOBAL POPULATION.

868 MILLION PEOPLE GO HUNGRY.

There are more than 5 VACANT HOMES

FOR EVERY HOMELESS PERSON IN THE U.S.



77.5% OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS ARE IN DEBT.

1 in 7 U.S. residents is being pursued by a debt collector.

**CAPITALISM
DOESN'T WORK**

**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA**



**LAND
THAT
I LOVE**

- 500 Years of Slavery
- Genocide of Native Americans
- Children killed by preventable disease
- Children killed by Hunger
- Global Poverty
- Vietnam War
- Korean War
- Angolan Civil War
- Indonesian Civil War
- Mozambican Civil War
- War in Afghanistan
- East Timorese Crisis
- Iraq Wars
- Intervention in Guatemala
- Intervention In Nicaragua
- Intervention in Sri Lanka
- Intervention in El Salvador
- Intervention in Argentina
- Support in Iran-Iraq War
- Cuban Embargo
- Libyan War
- US/Mexican War on Drugs
- War on Terror in Pakistan
- Sanctions on Iraq
- Syrian Civil War
- ISIS foreign terror
- Drone Strikes
- American Soldiers Since WW2

- 100 Million Dead
- 50 Million Dead
- 5 Million EVERY YEAR
- 6 Million EVERY YEAR
- 18 Million EVERY YEAR
- 3 Million Dead
- 2 Million Dead
- 1.5 Million Dead
- 1 Million Dead
- 1 Million Dead
- 500k Dead
- 200k Dead
- 1 Million Dead
- 100k Dead
- 100k Dead
- 100k Dead
- 60k Dead
- 30k Dead
- 1.5 Million Dead
- 47k Dead children
- 50k Dead and Literal Slave Markets
- 47k Dead
- 50k Dead
- 3.3 Million
- 500k Dead
- 1.2k Dead
- 2.5k Dead
- 150k Dead

2 BILLION+ Murdered

IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD

8,000,000 people die every year because they lack clean water¹
7,665,000 people die every year due to hunger²
3,000,000 people die every year due to vaccine-preventable diseases³
500,000 people die every year due to malaria¹



THAT'S ABOUT 20 MILLION DEATHS A YEAR.
EASILY. PREVENTABLE. DEATHS.



These people die NOT because we lack the
ability to solve these problems, but because *it*
is not profitable to do so.

The Black Book of Communism alleges that communism has killed
94 million people since 1917.

In just **5 years**, capitalism has
killed **100 million** people.

More than communism ever has through the last 100 years.



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USSR Facts



After being razed to the ground by a World War and a foreign-backed Civil War, and under constant economic and diplomatic assault, the Soviet Union...

Raised life expectancy by 65%.¹

Increased real income by 370%. Housing, medicine, transport and insurance accounted for 15% of family income, compared to 50% in US.²

Eliminated homelessness. Housing was provided based on need and rent averaged 2-3% of family income, compared to 25-30% in the US.³

Eliminated unemployment. A job was considered a right, firing was rare and had to be cleared by the employee's union, and employers were required to find redundant workers new employment and pay for retraining and cost of living.⁴

Provided healthcare as a right. The USSR had the highest ratio of doctors to population in the world and one of the highest quality healthcare systems, including preventative care and house visits.⁵

Achieved full literacy from a starting point of 38% for men and 12% for women.⁶

Raised school enrollment by 460%.⁷

Provided secondary education as a right as well as a cost of living stipend to students maintaining a 'B' average.⁸

Heavily subsidized early childcare. Fees for pre-schools didn't exceed 2-3% of family income and 50% of urban and 33% of rural children attended day-care, compared to 10% in the US overall.⁹

and **Eliminated the gender pay gap.**¹⁰

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IF SOCIALISM IS SO GREAT, WHY WAS IT SO 'POOR'?



USA has almost perfect geography: plenty of fertile land, good climate, away from threats.

USA was barely affected by WW1. It enjoyed good distance from the conflict and enjoyed an economic boom afterwards.

USA was the only country to enjoy an INCREASE in GDP during WW2. It only lost 400,000 men during the conflict (0.3%).

USA suffered no bombing or destruction to any of its cities. It was then able to freely spread its influence over Western Europe and Japan, who flourished from the support.



Russia has historically poor geography: it has a much colder climate, less access to the sea, and nearby strong neighbours. It began its industrialisation period in the 1930's.

Russia was devastated after WW1, the subsequent civil war, and invasion by 14 nations.

Nearly all its railroads and factories were destroyed, famine, typhus, millions of orphans, isolation, and blockades.

USSR received the brunt of the conflict during WW2. Losing 10 million soldiers and 18 million civilians. (15%)

USSR and Eastern Europe were almost razed to rubble during WW2. In Belorussia alone 50% of all settlements were destroyed and 600 villages burnt with their citizens inside. As well as having an enormous reconstruction effort, it now had to compete with America in both a propaganda war and an arms race.

CHANGE THE CONDITIONS, CHANGE THE GAME.

The Process of

Soviet Democracy

Most of us are taught from a young age that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was an undemocratic government which ruled the people from above with an iron fist. However, this portrayal has absolutely no bearing on the reality of the Soviet political system. In fact, the Soviet Union practiced a fascinating form of bottom-up democracy that emphasized accountability and representation of working people, mixing direct workplace democracy with local and national governance.



Communism Facts

“Don’t Communists Want To Steal Our Stuff?”



NO!

But to understand the communist stance on property, you must first understand the function of the different kinds of property:

Personal Property

Includes all of the things you own as an individual, including your car, television, toothbrush, etc. Any object acquired by the money you made through working is yours by right.

Private Property

Includes none of the things you personally own and worked for. It includes things that make up the **means of production**, like an entire factory or a grocery store, which a boss “owns” and collects profit from, though they perform no labor.

Public Property

Includes when the **means of production** are owned by the people who actually work there, such as the workers in a steel mill.

**WORKERS OF THE WORLD
UNITE! ★
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
BUT YOUR CHAINS!**

Your Boss is Stealing from You!

You work at a cellphone factory. You are paid \$20 for each cellphone you produce. The cellphone then goes on to be sold in stores for \$500. A small amount of the difference goes towards things like materials and advertising, but the vast majority goes straight into the pockets of your boss and the company shareholders. In other words, YOU produced a cellphone worth \$500, and your boss pocketed \$480 of it, for doing nothing. Your boss feels he is entitled to the money you create with your labor, because he arbitrarily “owns” the building you produced the cellphone in. This is the function of private property: to provide an avenue for your boss to collect the profit YOU create.

Your Boss Needs You, You Don’t Need Your Boss!

**“The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence:
Abolish all private property.”**

—Karl Marx

Communists believe that workers are entitled to the benefits of their labor. Workers should own and control the **means of production** collectively, and abolish the idea of a boss entirely. Do you think that you should fully receive the fruits of your labor? Then you might be a **communist!**

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"Communism has killed 100 million people."

DEBUNKED



The Soviet Union

Claim: Soviets killed 30 million through the Holodomor, the Great Purges, and the Gulag system.

The Holodomor:

1. The Holodomor (the 1932-33 "famine-genocide" allegedly engineered by Stalin) as a concept was first disseminated by the Nazi Press in 1933 (Tottle 1987, 2).
2. Propagandists such as Robert Conquest use outdated, unreliable, and contradictory data to conclude that the famine in the Ukraine was man-made (Tauger 1991, 70-71).
3. In 1932, a Soviet decree reintroduced some free-market policies in the agriculture realm and lowered the grain procurement quotas, leading some to term this a "new NEP." The reduction of the procurement quota for 1932 and the return of procured grain to the villages are inconsistent with famine. Considerably more grain should have been left for the peasants after the procurement from the 1932 harvest than was left from those of 1931, 33, or 34. Yet no famine occurred in 1933 or 34 (Tauger 1991, 72-73).

The Great Purges:

1. Many regular Soviet citizens applauded the targeting of social marginals and kulaks (wealthier peasants). Although propaganda did have a role to play in this, it chimed with public perceptions: the Terror had saved the USSR from defeat (Kuromiya 2013, 126).
2. Local officials had a large role in perpetrating the terror - perhaps a larger role than Stalin himself. They are responsible for the thrust of repressive policy (Smith, ed. 2014, 83).
3. Estimates promulgated by "scholars" such as Ovseenko and Medvedev vary too widely for them to be trusted (Parenti 1997, 77). Total executions numbered 800,000 (including those killed for non-political crimes and those who collaborated with the Nazis and capitalists) (Ibid.).
4. Revolutions, by definition, engender violence and resistance (Mayer 2013, 45ff.). In revolutionary France, there was widespread violence, but the result was a more equitable distribution of wealth and a better condition for most. Similarly, communism brought an increase in mass well-being unseen before in history (Parenti, 26).

Gulag System:

1. The number of people in Soviet prisons, gulags, and labor camps in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s averaged about 2 million, of whom 20-40% were released each year; (Getty, Rittersporn, and Zemskov 1993, 1041). This average is similar to the number imprisoned in the US in the 1990s (Catalinotto, 1998a) and is only slightly higher as a percentage of the population.
2. The annual death rate for the Soviet interned population was about 4%, which incorporates the effect of prisoner executions (Getty, Rittersporn, and Zemskov).



China

Claim: Communists in China killed 65 million through the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution.

The Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution:

1. In the 1950s, China was one of the poorest countries in the world. The rural population in the provinces of North China lived on a calorie intake that would be considered at famine level today (Walker 1987, 100-101). In republican China, between 1911 and 1948, over 18 million people fell victim to droughts and floods (Mingfang 2000, 395-99).
2. Measures such as water conservancy and irrigation, inaugurated by the Great Leap Forward, allowed for sustained increases in agricultural production; helped the countryside with the problem of drought; and increased the amount of cultivated area. Flood defenses were also developed. The famine of 1959-61 was the last of its scale in China; that was because of the processes the Great Leap Forward put into motion. (For achievements of the Great Leap forward, see Wheelwright and McFarlane, 38-39, 45-48, 60-62).
3. Estimates of those who perished in the Great Leap Forward are based largely on demographic deficits. The same demographic deficit technique used here would conclude that Franklin Delano Roosevelt killed 7-8 million African Americans in the 1930s.
4. Quite simply, the famine of 1959-61 was not caused by any of the policies of the Great Leap Forward (Wheelwright and McFarlane, 43 and passim.).



Claim: Communists in Cambodia killed 2 million through the Khmer Rouge's genocide.

The Khmer Rouge's Genocide:

1. The Khmer Rouge was not communist; it was, in fact, sponsored by the CIA. In 1970, President Nixon widened the Vietnam War, stepping up the "secret" bombing of Cambodia, where B-52 raids fueled the rise of the genocidal Khmer Rouge (Jones 2006, 46).
2. The U.S. sponsored the creation and military operations of the Coalition

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Socialism



Second fastest economy of the 20th century

No unemployment or homelessness
Saved the world from Nazism
Invented space travel

Ended famine in Eastern Europe

Ended racial and sexual inequality
Free healthcare and education
99% literacy rate

Most doctors per capita

Eradicated poverty

Doubled life expectancy

Largest redistribution of wealth to the poor

Instituted agrarian reform on an unprecedented scale
Economic growth rate reached a sustained 10%
Increased the amount of doctors

Ended prostitution and foot-binding

Raised standards of living enormously
Helped peasants with floods and ended famine
90% literacy rate

Liberated China from the yoke of imperialism

Ended arranged marriages, child brides, and opium addiction

One of the best healthcare systems

Full employment
Zero starvation

Gave land to 200,000 poor peasants

Rents halved for low-cost accommodations

Redistributed 15% of the wealth within a year

Extricated Cuba from the grips of tyranny

Capitalism

GDP instantly halved

40% poverty rate

7.7 million excess deaths in the first year

1 in 10 children lived on the street

Industrial production collapsed

3rd-world levels of infant mortality

Life expectancy dropped 10 years

Many services only available to the rich and affluent

Three-fold increase in poverty for children

1 in 3 British babies born into poverty

Unemployment rate soared to 10%

Dickensian diseases

The poor were relegated
Worst social conditions of a century

Killed 45 million people by exporting capitalism

Instituted child labor and widespread misery for workers

18 million people died through famine

Literacy was low

Desperately poor country

Conditions of living atrophied

Peasant agriculture suffered

Famine-level caloric intake

1 in 3 people are poor or nearly poor

Victorian levels of obscene wealth inequality

7.5% unemployment rate with Reagan

Violent deunionization

Exports neofascism around the world

Sponsors military dictatorships

Killed 20 million people since WWII

Underpins genocidal regimes

Globalization of terror

Extraordinarily repressive regime

Radical wealth inequality

Vast misery for peasants

Sacrificed Cuba for the capital desires of the US

False quotes attributed to communist figures



The Pope? How many divisions has he got?

— Joseph Stalin —

WRONG AGAIN!

THIS LIE HAS BEEN REPEATED ENOUGH TO BECOME FACT!

MYTH: Stalin, on being asked to win over Catholic support by French Premier Pierre Laval responded "How many divisions does the Pope have?"

SOURCE: "The Gathering Storm" by Winston Churchill, 1948. Widely quoted and repeated as fact.

MYTH TARGET: Religious individuals; meant to emphasis Stalin's cynicism and might-makes-right attitude.

REBUTTAL: This quote was actually said by German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck in 1872 to Prussian official Adalbert Falk when Falk was charged with enforcing Bismarck's anti-Catholic laws. This was part of the Prussian 'kulturkampf' against political Catholicism.

CONCLUSION: No concrete evidence it was ever said, and why would Stalin, in a majority Orthodox nation need to curry Catholic support?

"DEATH SOLVES ALL PROBLEMS - NO MAN, NO PROBLEM."

JOSEPH STALIN

FALSE!

"NO MAN, NO PROBLEM." COMES FROM A WORK OF FICTION, THE NOVEL CHILDREN OF THE ARBAT (1987) BY ANATOLY RYBAKOV WHERE HE HAD A FICTIONAL STALIN SAY IT. IN HIS LATER WORK, THE NOVEL OF MEMORIES, RYBAKOV ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS NO SOURCE FOR THE QUOTE AND THAT HE HAD MADE IT UP AS FICTIONAL DIALOG.



"The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic."

Joseph Stalin

NEVER SAID IT!

FALSELY ATTRIBUTED TO STALIN IN ORDER TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE HE WAS TOTALLY UNCARING AND UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF MILLIONS.... The line instead comes from the book *Französischer Witz* by Kurt Tucholsky (1932): *Der Krieg? Ich kann das nicht so schrecklich finden! Der Tod eines Menschen: das ist eine Katastrophe. Hunderttausend Tote: das ist eine Statistik!* (At which a diplomat from France replies: *The war? I can't find it too terrible! The death of one man: that is a catastrophe. One hundred thousand deaths: that is a statistic!*) --- **MYTH BUSTED!**